

# We Create Community



## PRM Maintenance Crews Keep Peninsula Safe During Storm Surge



In October, Parks, Recreation and Marine's Park, Beach and Marine Maintenance Divisions joined forces with multiple city operations including Public Works, Fire, Energy Resources,

Fleet and the Port of Long Beach to combat the effects of Hurricane Sergio in the Peninsula area.

Hurricane Sergio off the coast of Baja California generated large swells that broke through the protective berm early on October 5 and continued to create 4-5 foot waves into the afternoon.

Sand berms were constantly fortified to keep high surf from flooding homes. A plywood wall was erected along the boardwalk wall in places that were particularly susceptible to being breached by the waves.

Thanks to the team's efforts, no significant damage was reported to the homes between 64th Place and 67th Place that were the most vulnerable.

The teams staged a sandbag pickup area at the 72nd Place parking lot to assist residents in protecting their property.



# 14th Street Park Expansion Begins



*Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez (center) joins Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mariela Salgado, community members and staff to break ground on the 14th Street Park expansion*

A groundbreaking ceremony for the 14th Street Park Expansion area at 14th Street and Long Beach Blvd. was held on October 10.

“14th Street Park has been a community and city partnership for many years,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “Block by block, recreational amenities have been added, and now we mark the start of an exciting expansion to the park.”

The groundbreaking ceremony was the first step in expanding 14th Street Park, starting with new hardscape, landscape and a gateway sign. An empty restaurant building at Long Beach Blvd. and 14th Street was demolished to provide space for an eastern gateway to the park. City staff will work in partnership with community groups and stakeholders on a park design process that will determine

future new park elements.

“I am so excited to be able to continue the expansion of 14th Street Park,” said Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. “Over recent years, we have seen improvements including a Ka-Boom-sponsored playground, the Michael K. Green Skate Park, a basketball court, fitness zone, and new street game courts. Adding even more open space will fill a big need for our residents.”

The demolition and future park expansion is funded by a \$250,000 grant from the County of Los Angeles Fourth District Supervisorial Funds, \$100,000 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, and supplemental Park Impact Fees.



## By the Numbers:

### Community Recreation Services: September 2018

Permits to Gather.....	235
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	50
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	59
Field Use Permits Issued.....	48
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	857
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	13,526
Visits to City Pools .....	19,825
Youth and Teen Participants.....	14,484
Senior Citizen Participants.....	24,405
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	30,193
Number of Contract Classes (Spring).....	585
Number of Contract Classes (Summer).....	617
Adult Sports League Participants (Spring).....	34,758
Adult Sports League Participants (Summer).....	37,350

## YOUTH FISHING DERBY

**FREE!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK**  
7550 E. SPRING ST.  
LONG BEACH, CA 90815

- Registration: 8-9 a.m.
- Fishing Derby: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Raffle: 1 p.m.

**PRIZES AND REFRESHMENTS!**

This is a free children's fishing derby. Fishing poles and tackle to catch fish will be provided to kids 15 years old and under for free. Anyone over 16 years old is required to have a California State Fishing License.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:**  
El Dorado Regional Park (562) 570-1771



# New Veterans Park Playground Opens



*Cutting the ribbon with the community L-R Back Row: Director of Public Works Craig Beck, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine Gerardo Mouet, City Manager Pat West, PRM Maintenance Operations Manager Hurley Owens, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Margo Morales, Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair David Zanatta, Mayor Robert Garcia and Vice Mayor Dee Andrews*

A grand opening celebration for a new playground at Veterans Park took place on November 3. This was the third playground completed this year of six Measure A-funded playground upgrades.

“Long Beach residents made a historic investment in 2016 with their support of Measure A,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “Thanks to them, we are seeing repairs and upgrades to many Long Beach parks and public safety improvements.”

“This new playground will enrich the lives of young people and their families,” said Vice Mayor Dee Andrews. “Children will find new ways to play here every time they visit.”

The project includes new play structures for ages 2 to 5 years and 5 to 12 years, site furnishings and ADA improvements. The playground was designed to encourage healthy outdoor play and has a fitness challenge theme. This is the first playground in the state to combine a traditional playground and youth challenge course equipment such as net climbers and “Ninja Warrior-style” obstacles.

Excited kids explored the new play elements assisted by Spiderman, Superwoman, Wonder Woman and Batman characters and an adventure course guided passport that was stamped at each play structure.

The project cost approximately \$967,000 which was made possible using Measure A funds and Cal-Recycle grant. Measure A (2016) is a Long Beach ballot initiative approved by voters as a 10-year sales tax to fund public infrastructure and public safety services.



## Community Recreation Services

### Play for a Cure Pink Out Supports Breast Cancer Awareness

On October 27, youth sports teams across the city participated in the Sixth Annual Youth Sports "Play for a Cure" Pink Out. Led by Youth Sports Supervisor, Junie Salcido and Youth Sports Coordinator Emilee Hoppe, coaches, players, and parents came out in full force in pink socks, wristbands, ribbons and more to show their support for breast cancer awareness.

During the day, a total of \$725 in donations was collected for the Breast Cancer Angels and the Todd Cancer Pavilion at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.



## FREE YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES

*\$10 fee for uniform and team photo*

**Coed Basketball ages 5-8**  
**Boys Basketball ages 9-14**  
**Girls Basketball ages 9-14**

**Register online starting November 1, 2018**  
**at [teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://teamsideline.com/longbeach).**  
**Leagues start January 19, 2019**  
**at Long Beach Parks.**



Emphasis is placed on participation and skill development.  
Nine week season schedule includes practices and six weeks of games.

Call (562) 570-1707 or visit [www.teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://www.teamsideline.com/longbeach) and click under Youth Sports for more information.  
Call your local park for practice schedule information.

# Winter Class Registration



Registration for new winter recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) started on November 5.

More than 400 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, and special interest subjects; and adult sports leagues and aquatics programs

will be offered beginning in December. These programs provide opportunities for exercise and recreation, social interaction and learning, and growth and relaxation for preschool aged children to adults.

"The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department's Recreation Connection publication is full of ideas for residents to improve their lives, stay healthy and meet new people," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "Look for one in your mailbox, stop by your local library or park community center to pick one up, or find the digital version online."

"I encourage residents to get involved in PRM recreation classes, or in some of the many free activities and programs happening all across the city," said Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet. "The winter issue features an 8-page park directory with amenities and activities listed for over 50 parks."

**New classes will be offered for various ages, such as:**

Preschool: Sign Language, Kindergarten Readiness, Science, T- Ball League and Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer.

Youth: Lego Engineering, Crayola - World of Design, Radical Mad-ical Science classes, Mexican Folk Dance, Persuasive Voices writing class, and B-Ballers Hoop School.

Teens: Basic Cooking for Teens

Adults: Amazing Art, Artist Group & Expressive Watercolor; Step Out and Socialize (for teens and adults with high functioning disabilities), Dog Behavior Training Positive Reinforcement, How to Sell on eBay, and Mixed Martial Arts.

**There are three easy ways to register, including:**

1. Visiting [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) and clicking on "Online Registration" under "LB RecConnect."
2. Call 562.570.3111.
3. Visit the Registration Reservations Office at 2760 Studebaker Rd., anytime from Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Free Recreation Programs

The "Recreation Connection" lists dozens of free and low-cost activities including afterschool programs, youth sports leagues, teen centers and senior centers. A park directory with listings of amenities and activities is included. Residents can visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) to see the digital version of the "Recreation Connection" or pick one up at a local park or library.

## Park Polling Places Provide Easy Access to Voting



Long Beach parks served an important role in the November 6 election by serving as polling places for voters living near Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Chavez, Cherry, Coolidge, Drake, El Dorado West, King, MacArthur, McBride, Ramona, Scherer, Silverado, Veterans and Wardlow Parks and the Long Beach Senior Center.

Thanks to staff for helping to set up tables, adjust the heating and air, direct patrons, and even relocate contract classes to other areas to allow residents to fulfill their civic duty.



# Animal Care Services Bureau Update

## Pet Licensing Amnesty Program

In an effort to encourage residents to get their pet's license current, the Long Beach City Council voted to implement an amnesty program to waive all licensing late fee penalties and encourage voluntary compliance with the City pet licensing program. The amnesty program will run through December 31, 2018.

"Licensing your pet helps keep the community safe," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "Licensed pets are reunited faster, and in Long Beach, licensed pets are eligible for a free ride home the first time they are found as well as a 10-day stay at the shelter."

Besides being required by law, pet licensing in Long Beach comes with benefits including: Fast Track, Free Ride Home, Extended Stay, and Vacation Pet Alert. For more information about these programs, visit

[www.longbeach.gov/acs/pet-laws-and-licensing/licensing](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs/pet-laws-and-licensing/licensing)

As a reminder effective October 1, 2015, all dogs over 6 months are required to be spayed or neutered. Spaying and neutering help to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the community and offers health benefits as well. Special \$50 Spay and Neuter vouchers will be made available during November to help cover the costs of the surgery and can be used at many Veterinary clinics in the Long Beach area. Visit [www.longbeach.gov/acs](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs) for details.

"This is the perfect time for pet owners to update and renew their license and take advantage of the late fee amnesty program" said Ted Stevens, Manager of Animal Care Services. "We have many different ways, including online, to renew your license. We also want to encourage people to get their pets spayed or neutered and we have information on our website about vouchers and other low-cost options available."

Visit Animal Care Services at the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village to adopt, volunteer, donate, license your pet or obtain resources regarding low cost vaccination and spay/neuter clinics throughout the city. LBACS is located at 7700 East Spring Street in Long Beach. The Village is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and holidays.



## By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services - October 2018

### Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total Number of persons enrolled during October.....69

Total number of CSW Hours for October.....1,920

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....24  
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....91  
(Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....719  
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....260  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....106  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....98  
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....620  
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Work orders completed.....410

Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis .....172

Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....28

### Park acres maintained

Park turf.....814

Park landscape.....2,310

Street (medians) turf.....53

Street landscape.....143

### Water Use

Water cost & Consumption for October 2018

Parks and Street Island Potable.....37,777.....\$136,714

Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....52,604.....\$93,544

## Know Your Long Beach Parks: Spinnaker Bay Park

Spinnaker Bay Park is a .49-acre mini park that adds a beautified open space area to the surrounding neighborhood for relaxation and walking.

Located at East Eliot Street and Spinnaker Bay Road, the park was dedicated in 1983.

Visitors can enjoy landscaping and a walking/biking path.



### September Employee of the Month: Antonio Guerrero



Congratulations to Antonio Guerrero on being named Employee of the Month. Antonio started for Parks, Recreation and Marine in 2006 as a Recreation Leader I at Chavez Park. He became a Recreation Leader III in 2014 and a Recreation Leader IV in 2016. He switched to Maintenance Operations as a Maintenance Assistant I in 2017 and is now a Maintenance Assistance III in Facility Maintenance.

His coworkers say he is a “go getter,” and that once you give him directions he takes over and makes sure the job gets done. He is very friendly and gets to know the staff and patrons at the facilities where he works.

He answered a few questions so we could get to know him a little better:

**What high school did you attend?** Cabrillo High School

**Who is your favorite sports team?** Los Angeles Rams

**What is your favorite food?** Sushi

**What is your biggest pet peeve?** Being late

**How long have you been with the City?** 7 years

**What was your first job?** Rec Leader I

**What do you like to do when you are not at work?** Spending time with family and going to the gym

**What is your favorite movie?** Belly

**If you won the Powerball, what would you buy first?** Season tickets to the LA Rams

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# November - December 2018 Calendar of Events

## November

Nov. 10	8 a.m.	Boat Auction	Alamitos Bay Marina
	1 p.m.	Museum Shop Holiday Open House and Artist Event	Rancho Los Alamitos
Nov. 11	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Nov. 13	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk*	El Dorado Nature Center
Nov. 14	10 a.m.	Parent & Me (18 mo. – 5 yrs) Workshop Amazing Autumn*	El Dorado Nature Center
Nov. 15	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low-Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Nov. 17	8 a.m.	Youth Fishing Derby*	El Dorado Regional Park
	7:30 p.m.	Tellebration Storytelling event*	El Dorado Nature Center
Nov. 17	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Nov. 17	10 a.m.	Stories From the Garden – History and Folklore of Christmas Greens*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Nov. 17	9:30 a.m.	Holiday Décor Workshop*	Rancho Los Alamitos
Nov. 21	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Nov. 22		Thanksgiving Holiday	
Nov. 23		City Holiday	
Nov. 26	Varies	Four-week Swim Monday-Wednesday Swim Lessons Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Nov. 27	Varies	Four-Week Tuesday-Thursday Swim Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
Nov. 28	3:30 p.m.	Playground Opening	Whaley Park

## December

Sat. 1	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Free Creation Station Youth Art Program	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2 p.m.	Out of the Wilds and Into the Garden Native Plant Lecture	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 4	11 a.m.	Victorian Tea*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 6	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 8	9 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa*	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sun. 9	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Old Time Christmas Festival*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Tue. 11	4 p.m.	Cocoa with Santa*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 12	4 p.m.	Holiday Open House	Rancho Los Alamitos
Th. 13	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Fri. 14	4 p.m.	Cocoa with Santa*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 15	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	11 a.m.	Cocoa with Santa*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 19	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 20	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low-Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Mon. 24	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Tue. 25		Christmas Holiday	
Wed. 26	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Puppeteria Nature Land – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Th. 27	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Go Nuts for Squirrels – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Fri. 28	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Down the Ancient Trails – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 31		New Year's Eve	

## NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD WINNER!



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